

Citizens Advisory Committee for Marietta Parks (CACMP)

Minutes of the Meeting on May 27, 2010

Fire Station #1, Training Room

A public meeting of CACMP was called to order at approximately 7pm by Chairman, Jim King.

In attendance: Betty Hunter, Kim Gresh, Melody Unger, Michael Halenek, Cindy Soto, Michelle Kelly, Larry Ceminsky, Deb Huwaldt, & Mitch Hunter. *Absent:* **James Morris, Rev Walter Moon, Randy Weiner, Ford Bohannon, Heath Garrett, & Alan Watkins**

Bill Hagemann, Goldstein Appointee, resigned as a Citizen's Park Committee Member.

Jim King said that there has been success of the Citizen's Parks Committee and several recommendations have been strongly accepted by the City Council. **Actions were taken** by City Council Members of several recommendations. Kim Gresh mentioned that it was **good to hear the results**.

Michelle Kelly asked, "**How are we calculating expenses overages and underages?**" Rich Buss said by software codes, spreadsheets, dollars spent with separate lines where contingencies are noted. These items would include insurance payments on properties. Jim King will ask for a summary to see the individual breakdown to source it and post on City of Marietta Website to track. It can be provided at the next Citizen Park Committee meeting as well.

Cindy Suto asked about "**Hickory Hills Park**" and the available dates to hold a public hearing. Jim King said that the City Council would like to work on Hickory Hills ASAP. There is irrigation available, so it can accelerate it. They will bring the plan to the next Citizen's Parks Committee Meeting and have a public hearing and keep moving forward on it. **The 10th of June tentatively will be the public hearing for Hickory Hills at 6:30pm which would incorporate our bi-weekly Parks Meeting to go there first.**

6th Grade Track: Council didn't want to spend money on an inter-governmental project. It did not receive support by City Council.

Recommended **Custer Park for Soccer**.

Baseball Program, private firm "6-4-3 DP Baseball Academy" was approved by City Council as the Baseball program company to use. They will begin the agreement per the term of City Council which is till Dec. 2013 which is 4 year term. "Expect a certain level of investment," Rich Buss said, "Can't negotiate an agreement if there is no facility yet. Hard to negotiate with an unknown of the facility." Jim King says he got positive feedback about the firm being competent." At first there was question about bringing them in for our meeting. For all practical purposes, Aviation Park is where the Baseball Park is planned currently, but it could change. Land Committee gave them six weeks which was a statement by Michelle Kelly, "We threw them a curve ball of possibly changing the location for the Baseball Complex." City has been working on it for two years. "Do we keep waiting for a year?" Cindy Suto said, "Lets get them started at Aviation Complex and do the bare minimum if it has to be relocated. Get a start there if that is where it is available now."

Larry Ceminsky mentioned, "**Are the scholarships by 6-4-3 DP, a separate part of the negotiation process to help individuals with enrollment into the Baseball program?** Is the training program specifically directed to young people in Marietta? Is it just for those that can afford it? "Cindy Suto question, "Is money from city funds going to be used for the baseball program and for scholarships?"

Cindy Suto asked for **drawings of Brown Park**. Are they available? They would like to be seen at the next Citizen's Park Committee meeting. Rich Buss said that an architectural firm four years ago has drawn up the project. We have hand-drawings. We can bring in what we have. It will be basically redesigned and the current drawings will give an idea, but not an exact look of the park. The new specs will have the names of the soldiers and they would lose money from the foundation if they didn't redesign it accordingly. It changes the layout of the park, but the basic elements are the same. Cindy Suto suggested to put the **statues** on the City of Marietta's Website to promote it.

Sub-Committee groups can meet on their own and submit proposals to our group Citizen's Park Committee forum if it is worth bringing to vote. To submit, need to contact The City Managers Office 770-794-5506, ask for Susan or who answers, so it can be put on the monthly or weekly calendar. Call by Thursday. There is a 24 hour requirement by law, but it is preferred to have more notice. Each Sub Committee can make a call to be posted as it needs to be legalized. Sub Park Committees can meet at the Fire Station by calling the station, they can meet at a home, at the Marietta Diner, or at the Library. There are also Conference Rooms available at The City Hall.

Suggestion to have **Deadlines** by Mitch Hunter, for something to aim at achieving for our Sub Committees.

Michelle Kelly suggested to have **monthly full body Parks Committee Meetings** versus bi-weekly meetings if the Sub-Committees meet on their own. Second Thursday of the month for the "Whole Body Citizen Parks Committee" to meet was presented. Melody Unger, made a motion of the second Thursday of the month for the "Whole-Body Parks Committee" to meet. This will begin in two weeks. It passed unanimously. Best to have "The Whole Body Citizen's Park Committee" meet after the City Council meets. Since we will meet less, we request at least a 24 hours in advance notice as if people can't come, there won't be enough people to hold a meeting. Attendance issues need to also be addressed with the City Council member who selected the individual Parks Committee Member. Michael Helenek made a motion to reinstate the attendance requirement for three unexcused absences. The motion did not pass. Larry Ceminsky stated that personal communication to our City Council Members and to Citizens Advisory Committee members would be a helpful to encourage member attendance. By vote, we reduced the meetings to once a month rather than two and members should be able to schedule better attendance. "We should be vocal." Melody Unger suggested to send an email to the City Council Members regarding personal accountability of the Citizen's Park Committee Members.

Mitch Hunter said that the **Land Acquisition Sub-Committee might have a report soon.**

Betty Hunter **will be absent for the next meeting.**

Michelle Kelly requested an **update for Elizabeth Porter Center.** Jim King said that it is in progress and it is in the process of actively pursuing land acquisition.

Cindy Suto had a question about how the **meeting on the square went with Mayor Steve Tumlin?** Rich Buss made a presentation and suggested to go on the website for projects going on so far.

Dog Park Contest not over yet. Cute Video. 600 new Facebook accounts as a result.

Meeting adjourned approximately at 8:15pm.

The next meeting of CACMP will tentatively be at 6:30pm, Thursday, June 10th for the Public Hearing planning meeting on Hickory Hills Park. Location: Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted, this 28th day of May 2010.

Deb Huwaldt, Assistant Secretary